

## DIABETES AND DISABILITY

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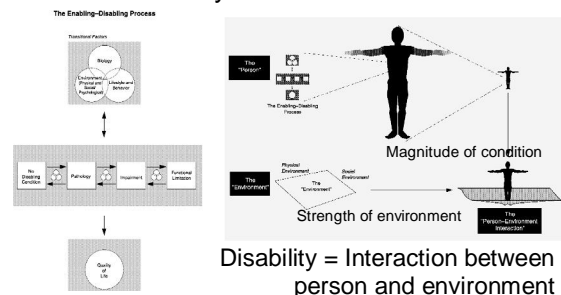
**Learning Objective:** to identify the interaction of impairments and disabilities with DM and CV risk factors.

## Themes

- ~ Disability concepts
- ~ DM risk for disability . disability risk for DM
- ~ SCI specifics
- ~ Interventions for PWD with risk for DM

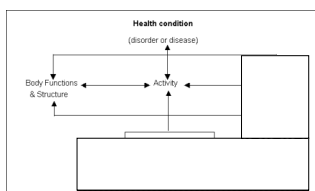
## Conceptualizations

Disability . Chronic disease



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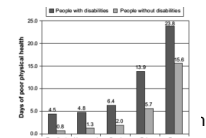
**WHO ICF**  
(International Classification of  
Functioning, Disability and Health)

Message for clinicians:  
Access to care  
Alternative formats  
Follow through

## Concept: Health Perception

- ~ People with disabilities different views re: health, satisfaction, QOL

Albrecht & Devlieger 1999;  
CE 2009; Palsbo SE 2011

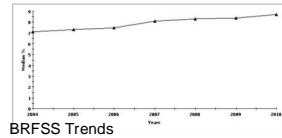


- ~ Self perception NO disability; often report good health; related to pain/change, not level of function JahnsenR et al, 2004 £3; SandstromK et al, 2004; TurkMA et al, 1997; NHIS 1994-95

- ~ Message: typical interactions/communication may not resonate

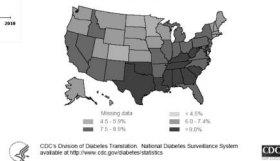
## DM (Pathology) Epidemiology

Diagnosed With Diabetes  
Nationwide (States, DC, and Territories) - All Available Years  
Response = Yes



BRFSS Trends

Age-adjusted Percentage of U.S. Adults Who Had  
Diagnosed Diabetes  
2007



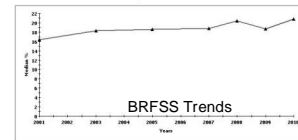
CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. National Diabetes Surveillance System  
available at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/national/>



## Disability (Activity) Epidemiology

- ~ US Data collection by limitation in mobility, daily, work activity; cause and nature of disability unknown
- ~ US estimate . 50-60 Million (World:1B)

Activities Limited  
Nationwide (States, DC, and Territories) - All Available Years  
Response = Yes



BRFSS Trends

## Disability: Cause or Effect?

### DM risk for disability

- ~ Vision/hearing impaired
- ~ Motor disability . obesity, neuropathy, stroke, chronic sores, amputation, cardio-pulmonary
- ~ Pain . neuropathic, joint
- ~ Co-morbidities (PVD, CVD/CHD, renal)

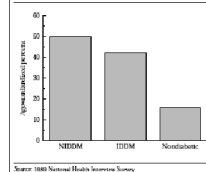
### Disability risk for DM\*

- ~ Low physical activity
- ~ Obesity/overweight
- ~ SCI
- ~ Mental Health
- ~ Vision/Hearing impairment

\* National Council on Disability, 2009

## DM → Disability Activity Limitation

Figure 12.3  
Age-Standardized Percent of Persons Age ≥18 Years  
Reporting Activity Limitations, U.S., 1989



Source: 1989 National Health Interview Survey

Diabetes in America, Chapter  
12 - Songer 1995

1989 NHIS . additional DM module

Table 12.17

Percent of Persons Reporting Restrictions in  
Normal Activities, by Type of Activity and Age,  
U.S., 1989

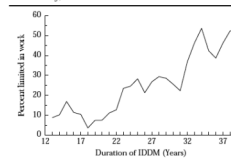
Activity and age (years)	NIDDM	IDDM	Nondiabetic population
Personal care needs (e.g., bathing, eating, dressing)			
18-44	3.9	8.4	1.8
45-69	5.0	10.3	2.5
Other routine needs (e.g., household chores, shopping, etc.)			
18-44	14.1	12.5	7.1
45-69	14.1	15.7	6.3

Source: 1989 National Health Interview Survey

IDDM = Type 1; NIDDM = Type 2

## DM → Disability Participation, Health Care

Figure 12.15  
Percent of IDDM Persons Reporting Work  
Limitations, by Duration of Diabetes, Pittsburgh  
EDC Study, 1990-92



EDC: Epidemiology of Diabetes Complications. Data are 3-year moving average. Limitations include those in the type or amount of work that can be performed.

Source: Pittsburgh Epidemiology of Diabetes Complications Study

Diabetes in America, Songer 1995

Table 12.15  
Health Care Use by Disability Status, Age ≥18 Years,  
U.S., 1989

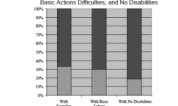
	Diabetic population Not Limited	Diabetic population Limited	Nondiabetic population Not Limited	Nondiabetic population Limited
Physician visits				
Physician contact in the past year (%)	95.7	93.2	89.0	72.0
Hospitalizations				
Hospitalized in the past year (%)	32.4	13.2	22.0	7.3
Average length of stay per discharge (days)	14.2	8.7	11.3	5.3

Source: 1989 National Health Interview Survey

Limited = Disability; Not limited =  
No acknowledged disability

## Disability → Risk for DM National Data

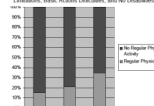
Exhibit 1-2  
Chronic Rates Among People with Complex Activity Limitations,  
Basic Activity Limitations, and No Disabilities



Source: B. Althouse & A. Brannan, "Disability and Health in the United States, 2001-2007" (Baltimore, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 2008).

Chart description: This bar graph illustrates chronic rates by disability status. Among one-third of people with complex activity limitations and 20 percent of people with basic activity limitations were obese, compared with 19 percent of adults who did not have disabilities.

Exhibit 1-4  
Physical Activity Among People with Complex Activity Limitations, Basic Activity Limitations, and No Disabilities



Source: B. Althouse & A. Brannan, "Disability and Health in the United States, 2001-2007" (Baltimore, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 2008).

Chart description: This bar graph illustrates physical activity by disability status. Only about 15 percent of people with complex activity limitations reported that they engaged in regular physical activity, compared with 19 percent of adults who did not have disabilities.

- ~ Education . lack of accommodation and alternative formats

National Council on Disability, 2009

## Disability → Risk for DM South Carolina

Table 6: Body Mass Index

BMI	DISABILITY			NO DISABILITY		
	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
< 25	731	26.4	22.8 - 30.1	2048	34.7	32.4 - 36.9
25-29.9	924	32.1	28.6 - 35.6	2292	36.7	34.5 - 38.8
≥30	1227	41.5	37.6 - 45.3	1735	28.7	26.5 - 30.8

P-value < .0001

Table 7: Physical Activity

EXERCISE LAST 30 DAYS	DISABILITY			NO DISABILITY		
	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
YES	1644	56.8	53.0 - 60.6	4792	77.5	75.7 - 79.3
NO	1366	43.2	39.4 - 47.0	1519	22.5	20.7 - 24.3

P-value < .0001

SC PWD more likely to have unhealthy weight and lack activity

BRFSS South Carolina, Mann et al 2010

## Disability → DM South Carolina

Table 15: Ever Diagnosed with Diabetes

EVER TOLD BY DOCTOR YOU HAVE DIABETES	DISABILITY			NO DISABILITY		
	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
YES	790	20.4	17.9 - 22.9	748	7.2	6.3 - 8.2
NO	2240	79.6	77.1 - 82.1	5566	92.8	91.8 - 93.7

P-value < .0001

- ~ PWD more common insulin use, glucose self-monitoring, health care visits, retinopathy
- ~ PWD more commonly tested for DM

BRFSS South Carolina, Mann et al 2010

## Disability conditions at risk for DM

NHIS 2000-06 data: under age 65yrs, 2-3X DM report mobility limited adults vs. non-mobility adults Jones 2009

- ~ Mental health
- ~ Vision/hearing impairment (circular?)
- ~ ID/DD
- ~ SCI/SCD

## Cognitive Disability

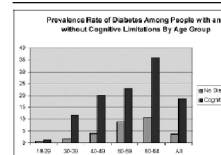


Figure 1 Prevalence: rate of diabetes.

MEPS data  
Higher prevalence 19 v 4%  
More co-morbidities

Reichard 2011

Chronic condition*	Diabetes				No diabetes			
	No disability group	Cognitive limitations group	No disability group	Cognitive limitations group	No disability group	Cognitive limitations group	No disability group	Cognitive limitations group
Asthma	6.3	4.5-8.9	36.9	27.7-42.8	7.8	7.2-8.4	26.1	17.0-23.6
Arthritis	19.1	16.0-22.8	60.4	53.2-67.2	8.3	7.8-8.9	37.7	33.7-41.9
Cardiac disease	11.5	8.8-14.9	37.8	30.7-45.0	3.8	3.2-4.1	12.7	10.2-15.6
High cholesterol	52.2	48.2-56.2	70.1	63.2-76.1	14.4	13.6-15.1	29.4	26.1-32.9
High blood pressure	51.1	46.8-55.6	81.8	75.2-88.9	13.8	13.1-14.6	34.3	30.6-38.3
Stroke	1.8	1.2-2.9	14.2	9.4-20.9	0.4	0.3-0.8	7.3	5.6-9.6

Obesity controlled:  
No difference w/wo  
ID in SC practice

McDermott et al 2006, 2007

## Spinal Cord Injury: Metabolic Syndrome

- ~ Relative overweight/obesity
- ~ Associated carbohydrate and lipid abnormalities . 4 fold risk DM
- ~ Immediate and ongoing loss muscle mass and gain adiposity (sarcopenia): immobility, anabolic forces, catabolic

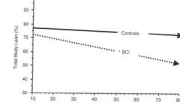


FIGURE M-3 Association between the percentage of total protein loss (loss in the body and loss in the urine) and age in years. SCI group (n=102) vs. Controls (n=102). \*p<0.05. \*\*p<0.01. \*\*\*p<0.001.

Baumann, 2006

## Spinal Cord Injury: Metabolic Syndrome

- ~ BMI in SCI . underestimates true adiposity
- ~ Higher and more complete the lesion, greater lean mass loss
- ~ Tetra/complete SCI: 73% abnl glucose

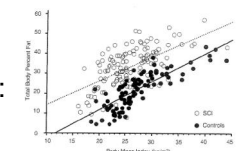


FIGURE M-4 Relationship of protein body fat to BMI for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI) compared with this for controls.

Baumann, 2006

## Spinal Cord Injury: Metabolic Syndrome

- “ Premature development CVD
- “ Low HDL
- “ Increased DM risk, higher/complete
- “ Increased hypertension in Paraplegia
- “ Abnormal platelet function → impaired platelet aggregation inhibition

Kahn, Baumann, Sinha, Kahn 2011

## Preventive Management DM

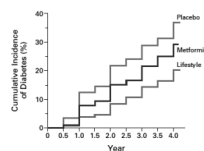
- “ ADA Standards Medical Care in DM 2012
  - . Detection and diagnosis
  - . Delay or prevent Type 2
  - . Medical care . glycemic control/monitoring, pharmacology options
  - . Nutrition, PA, Self-management, Psychosocial
  - . Prevention complications
  - . Special populations . no mention disability

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## Preventive Management DM

- “ Quality markers and improvement strategies . improved HgbA1C; barriers depression, substance Shojnia et al 2006\*; Grant 2003\*
- “ Self-management (DSME) . improved <6 mos, modest >6mos Norris et al Diabetes Care 2001\*
- “ Lifestyle changes . improved outcomes Knowler et al NEJM 2002\*

\* No disability comments



## DM Preventive Management: Disability

- “ Quality indicator screening:
  - . SC fared well: BRFSS 2010 PWD vs NoDis
  - . Kansas: Mobility impairment . High screen ID/DD . Low screen Reichard 2012 Shireman 2010
- “ Education:
  - . No clear data; descriptive, focus groups
  - . Alternative formats . Position paper, Williams, A, *The Diabetes Educator* 28:6(2002)

## DM Preventive Management: Disability and Exercise

- “ pain (SCI, ID); fatigue (MS, MD); depression (MH, SCI, MS, Stroke, ID); weight (stroke, ID, MH); sleep (SCI) Chen, Rimmer 2009
- “ strength, endurance (CP, ID, MD, MS, SCI/D, MH, Stroke)
- “ Adherence ∝ health concerns (fatigue, pain), limited social support, negative beliefs, accessibility Turk 1997; Drum et al 2009; Gray-Stanley 2009



## DM Preventive Management: Disability and Health Promotion

- “ Theories of motivation, behavior change; personalized contacts, personalized programs; accessibility and alternative formats Drum, Krahn, Bersani 2009
- “ Disease management (e.g. DSME) vs. Wellness/HP
- “ Immediate post-intervention positive impact, wide range of chronic disabling conditions Stuifbergen 2010

## SUMMARY

- “ Disability concepts include medical issues, function and participation, and health perception differences
- “ Disability with diabetes can confound typical preventive management
- “ ADA Standards . inclusion PWD?

## SUMMARY

- “ Consider accessibility (e.g. formats, cognitive levels, environment) and perceived barriers . useful many populations
- “ Science supports exercise and health promotion (self-management) for PWD . no specific context for DM

## CHALLENGE

SC DHEC: Consider technical support for modification to DM Preventive Management standards and tools

Clinicians: Consider modification to practice routines to offer accessible and disability-sensitive care

